

EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2021

Supervisor Roberts opened the regular November meeting with the pledge to the flag of our Country.

Present at the Township Hall were Supervisor Roberts, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha and Trustee Bankhead.

Treasurer Dolman arrived at 7:15pm.

Supervisor Roberts moved to approve the November agenda and the October meeting minutes. **Trustee Droscha supported. Seconded by Trustee Bankhead. MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk Patterson read the synopsis of unapproved minutes from the October meeting. **Motion made by Trustee Bankhead to accept the Clerk's synopsis. Trustee Droscha supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Treasurer's report was given in written form. **Supervisor Roberts moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion supported by Trustee Droscha. MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Roberts moved to pay current bills. Supported by Trustee Droscha. MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff Report: A printed report was emailed to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE: Portland Township toured our township hall.
Supervisor Roberts received a form letter from a gas company.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Richard Harvey provided the board with an ORV ordinance from another county. He gave his opinion of benefits to the community if an ordinance is passed. Trustee Droscha asked a follow-up question.

Supervisor Roberts questioned Section 3K of the materials provided.

An Eaton county resident addressed the board in support of the ordinance. Supervisor Roberts asked if the ORV's have a slow moving vehicle sign.

Trustee Bankhead asked if they would be registered through the state. They would be not registered.

Trustee Bankhead asked about ORV accidents since they are slower moving vehicles. A member of the audience addressed the question.

There is no county ordinance at this time. County Commissioner Droscha spoke about the process of an ordinance being made at the county level.

Mr. Dan Logan addressed the board on his personal opinion of safety on a side-by-side and he feels people are less distracted on a side-by-side.

Trustee Bankhead addressed the audience with appreciation for the information being provided.

A resident from Hamlin Township spoke in support of an ordinance.

Trustee Bankhead said he is not opposed to the ORV ordinance.

Mrs. Nancy Harvey spoke in support and believes it will provide support in the county. A question was asked about who would police ORV's if there is an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

CECC Tree Trimming

Treasurer Dolman provided an estimate for the pruning of 4 trees by the building, garage and powerlines from Tree Monkey. They were told to trim only what was touching the building. Another bid was provided today by Big Kid Tree Worx that was more extensive. Mr. Justin Brummette from Big Kid Tree Worx addressed the board. Supervisor Roberts asked about an itemized bid. Mr. Brummette is going to provide a bid for the trimming and he would like to trim the 'widowmaker' branch.

Treasurer Dolman stated she appreciates the information that was provided.

There is going to be another bid provided from Big Kid Tree Worx to compare equal bids.

No action was taken at this time.

Multi Year Levies Payoff

Treasurer Dolman provided the board with a drain assessment levies summary for 2021.

Treasurer Dolman asked if the board desires to pay off the drain levies without interest.

A motion was made by Trustee Bankhead to pay the remaining balance of the levies for a total of \$240,875.72. Supported by Trustee Droscha. MOTION CARRIED.

STG Website Proposal

Treasurer Dolman provided the board with pricing for a website rebuild that is ADA compliant. She also reported that for security reasons we should move to a .gov website and email addresses.

A motion was made by Treasurer Dolman to go with the Silver package that STG provides and for them to fully manage the township website. Supported by Trustee Bankhead. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

County Commissioner: County Commissioner Droscha reported there is a new IT Director. He gave a report on other things happening in the county. There was a public safety meeting with good information pertaining to the ORV ordinance.

Library: Ms. Borrelli reported the Directors contract has been extended until June of 2024. She gave a report of other exciting changes coming soon.

Rural Fire: Supervisor Roberts gave a breakdown of billable and non-billable runs. Eaton Twp had 104 runs with 27 being billable runs. Trustee Droscha asked if we know where the old truck will be going once the new pickup is purchased. Supervisor Roberts stated that it hasn't been decided yet. The equipment will be transferred to the new truck.

CECC: Treasurer Dolman reported that there are squirrels in the attic. Something needs to be done soon in regards to the roof. Rentals are up!

Recreation Co-op: None

Assessing: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A question was asked about the cost of repairing the old fire truck with the oil leak. Another question was asked about the drain on Blair Acres regarding the treatment of roots. The private part of Brookmead was not sealcoated and it was suggested that the supervisor contact Blair. Residents want it maintained. A resident addressed the board opposing an ORV ordinance. They aren't designed for road use based on the manufacturer specifications. He also feels that the sheriff's department shouldn't be burdened with the responsibility of enforcing the use of ORV's. Another resident completely disagreed. The freedom they want is to be able to ride within the law.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:07 P.M.

Danielle Patterson, Eaton Twp Clerk